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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Article 19 claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A pneumatic tire in which a plurality of blocks demarcated by circumferential grooves extending in a circumferential direction of the tire and grooves intersecting the circumferential grooves, are provided on a tread

wherein at least a portion of a block edge is chamfered from the side of a block center to a groove wall surface of each of the blocks;

a heightwise cross sectional form of a chamfer portion perpendicular to the groove wall surface is formed by a combination of a plurality of chamfer forms;

an angle formed by a tangential line of the chamfer portion with respect to a horizontal extension line of the surface of the block center in a heightwise cross section perpendicular to the groove wall surface increases from the side of the block center to the side of the block end; and

[a heightwise cross sectional form of the chamfer portion is provided such that the side of the central portion of the block thereof is formed as a straight line portion and the side of the block end thereof is formed by at least one curved line portion having a fixed curvature] the

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